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LETTER DATED 25 APRIL 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that violations of Iraqi airspace by American-Saudi aircraft have continued, as follows:

1. On 23 and 24 April 1991, American-Saudi air activity in Iraqi airspace included the following: 136 sorties flown by 65 formations, 1 solo sortie and 1 sortie flown by 4 aircraft. The aircraft in question flew at speeds ranging from 600 to 720 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of between 6,000 and 8,000 metres.

2. The aircraft were identified as F-14s and F-15s and flew mostly over the city of Baghdad, areas south and east of Baghdad, southern Kut and the areas of Ar Ramadi, Hashimiyah, As Suwayrah and Samarra. Their mission was to carry out surveillance and provocation operations.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this document to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
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